PHEW!
THANKS A BUNCH, OOHARANO!
B&E
SPORTS SHOP
ALL MY EQUIPMENT WAS FALLING APART FROM ALL THE PRACTICE, SO I WAS DUE FOR A TRIP HERE!
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
I NEEDED TO BUY SOME-THING, TOO.
I INVITED TREE TRUNK TOO, BUT HE WENT HOME 'CAUSE HE SAID HIS MOM WOULD YELL AT HIM FOR STOPPIN' BY, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
SALE
WHO LISTENS TO THEIR MOMS NOWADAYS?
I CAN'T!
OH!
GION...

ALL OUT!!

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ALL OUT!!
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OH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
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WHO'RE YOU?
HM?
NO WAIT, YOU LOOK FAMILIAR...
SALE
AH!
OOHA-RA...

TATSURU!
ECCHAN...
SORRY, UM...
TATSU—?!
HUH?
HE LOOKED LIKE THE GUY YOU SENT ME A PICTURE OF THE OTHER DAY, SO I KINDA JUST CALLED OUT TO HIM...
SORRY.
ER...!
I KNEW YOU LOOKED FAMILIAR! YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR BROTHER!
EH...?
ALSO IT'S COOL THAT YOU RECOG-NIZED ME!
OHH!!
YOU'RE OOHA-RANO'S LITTLE BRO-THER!!

I'M OOHARANO TATSURU.
MY BROTHER TALKS ABOUT YOU A LOT, SO THAT'S HOW I KNOW YOU.
...I LOOK LIKE MY BROTHER ...?
THANKS FOR THE COMPLI-MENT...
HE SAID YOU PLAY RUGBY TOO, RIGHT?!
ARE YOU IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?! YOU COMIN' TO JIN HIGH?!
WELL LET ME TELL YOU...
GION!!

I QUIT RUGBY A LONG TIME AGO.
ENTRANCE EXAMS START NEXT YEAR, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO JIN HIGH.
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GION, WHAT'S MY BROTHER LIKE AS A TEAMMATE?
.....
TAT...

HE'S TOTALLY STUCK-UP!
HE ALWAYS HAS THIS SOUR LOOK ON HIS FACE, BUT HE CAN DO ANYTHING! AND HE MAKES IT LOOK SO EASY!
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I SEE...
SO HE HASN'T CHANGED.
WELL, I'LL BE GOING THEN...

OOHA-RANO!!
WAIT UP, OOHA-RANO!!
WHAT'S WRONG, MAN?!
DID I SAY SOMETHING BAD?!
YES, YOU DID.
NOW GO DIE, SERIOUSLY.
HUH?! WHAT'D I SAY WRONG...
YA GOTTA TELL ME, OR ELSE I WON'T UNDERSTAND!
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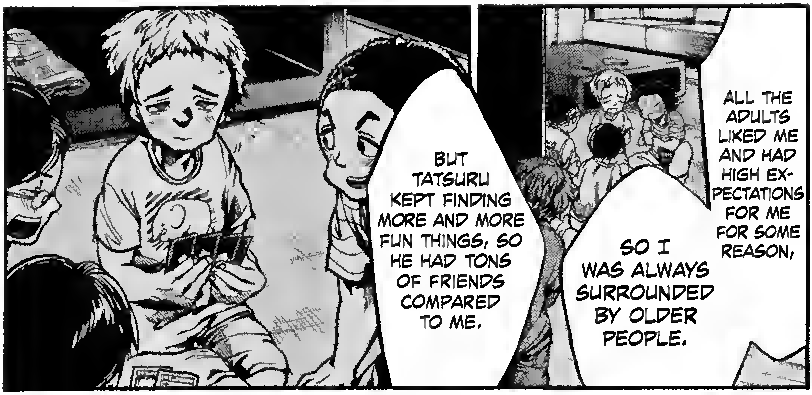
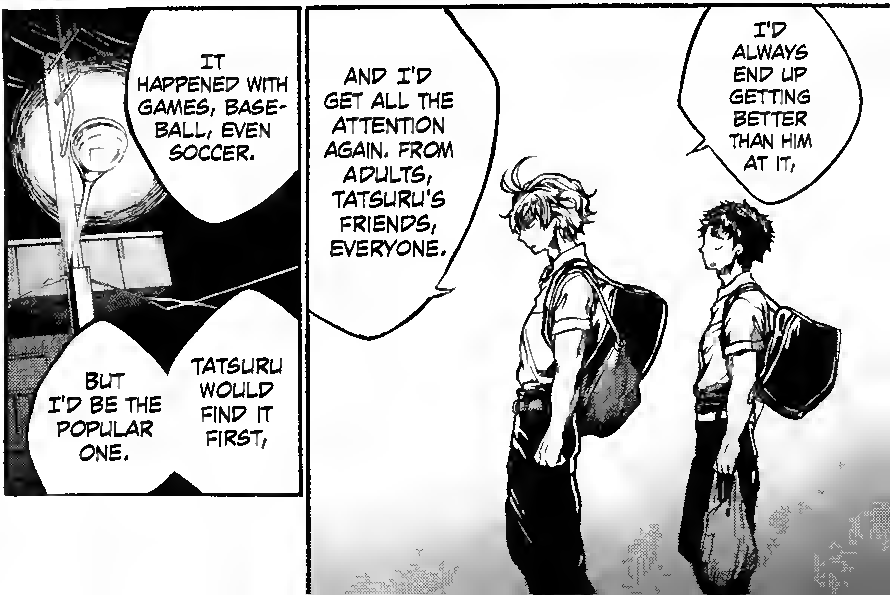
ALRIGHT, THEN LISTEN UP.
THE TWO OF US HAVE BEEN COMPARED TO EACH OTHER.
EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE,
IN FACT, FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEM-BER,

ECCHAN'S SO HANDSOME, ISN'T HE? DON'T YOU THINK HE COULD BECOME A TV STAR CELEBRITY?!
AND HE'S GOOD WITH PEOPLE, AND SMART TO BOOT...
OH, MY!
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE BROTHERS, THEY LOOK NOTHING ALIKE!
PEOPLE SAID STUFF LIKE THAT BEHIND OUR BACKS.
"AND LEFT NONE FOR HIS LITTLE BROTHER, DON'T YOU THINK?"
"HE PROBABLY SUCKED UP ALL THE NUTRIENTS..."
BUT...

I RESPECT TATSURU.
YOU KNOW ...
HE'S A GENIUS AT FINDING "FUN THINGS."


ALL THE ADULTS LIKED ME AND HAD HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ME FOR SOME REASON,
SO I WAS ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY OLDER PEOPLE.
BUT TATSURU KEPT FINDING MORE AND MORE FUN THINGS, SO HE HAD TONS OF FRIENDS COMPARED TO ME.

AND I WOULD ALWAYS ASK IF I COULD JOIN THEM.
BUT, FOR SOME REASON...
WHENEVER I PLAYED THE GAMES HE FOUND...


I'D ALWAYS END UP GETTING BETTER THAN HIM AT IT,
AND I'D GET ALL THE ATTENTION AGAIN. FROM ADULTS, TATSURU'S FRIENDS, EVERYONE.
TATSURU WOULD FIND IT FIRST,
BUT I'D BE THE POPULAR ONE.
IT HAPPENED WITH GAMES, BASEBALL, EVEN SOCCER.

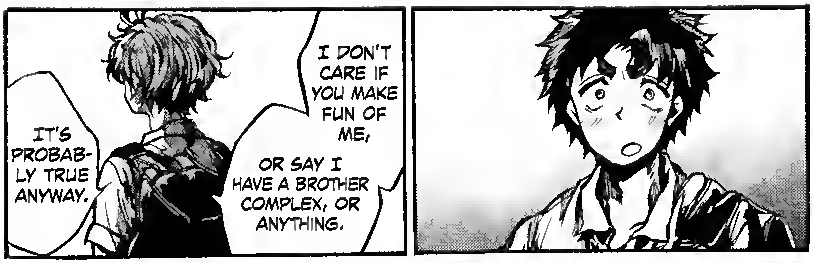
TATSURU QUIT EVERY-THING.
AND I GOT BORED WHEN TATSURU WASN'T PLAYING, SO I QUIT TOO.
RUGBY WAS THE LAST THING THAT TATSURU QUIT.
AND I WAS GOING TO QUIT, TOO.
YOU'RE QUITTING AGAIN?
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND WHY I QUIT?!

BECAUSE IF YOU'RE AROUND,
THEN THERE'S NO PLACE LEFT FOR ME!!
EVER SINCE THEN,
TATSURU HASN'T PICKED UP ANYTHING.

I JUST WANTED TO HAVE FUN WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER, THAT'S ALL.
I JUST WANTED TO PLAY WITH HIM.
I WASN'T TRYING TO BECOME A PRO BASEBALL, SOCCER, OR RUGBY PLAYER.
BUT EVERYONE ELSE KEPT MAKING A FUSS OVER ME.
AND IF TATSURU WASN'T PLAYING, THEN NEITHER WAS I.
I JUST WANTED TO PLAY SOMETHING TOGETHER WITH TATSURU...
BUT THAT'S WHAT TATSURU HATED THE MOST.
THEY JUST KEPT TRYING TO CONFORM ME TO THEIR FUTURE PLANS.
BUT THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT.

THAT'S WHY...
I MADE A PROMISE WITH HIM.
AND IF I COULD SERIOUSLY COME TO LOVE RUGBY AND CONTINUE WITH IT,
IF I COULD STOP COPYING TATSURU,
THEN HE'D COME PLAY IT AGAIN WITH ME.

I CAME TO JIN HIGH FOR THAT SAKE.
SINCE THIS WAS A SCHOOL HE COULD GET INTO WITH HIS GRADES.


I DON'T CARE IF YOU MAKE FUN OF ME,
OR SAY I HAVE A BROTHER COMPLEX, OR ANYTHING.
IT'S PROBAB-LY TRUE ANYWAY.

OH, MAN!
YOU PRETEND LIKE YOU'RE ALL THAT, BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY A NICE GUY!
I GOT A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU...

CAN I BORROW YOUR CELL PHONE?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL TA-TSURU!
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W!
WHY DID I GIVE IT TO HIM...
WHAT AM I...
AH!
HELLO ?!
Re-i
Re-i

HEY THERE, THIS IS GION!
I WAS JUST TALKIN' TO YOUR BIG BRO, AND MAN, HE LOVES YOU LIKE CRAZY!
WHAT?!
I HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU GUYS!
WAIT! GION!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
YOUR BIG BRO SAYS HE WANTS TO PLAY RUGBY WITH YOU AGAIN!

AND NOW I DO, TOO! IT'LL BE GREAT!
PLAYING WITH YOU TWO
SOUNDS LIKE IT'D BE A TOTAL BLAST!
DAMN RIGHT IT DOES!
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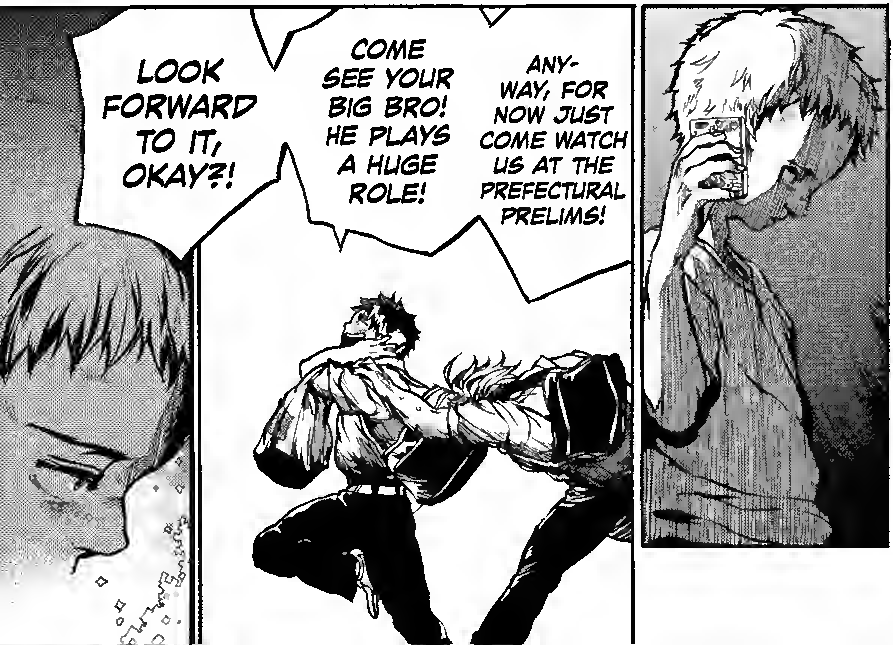
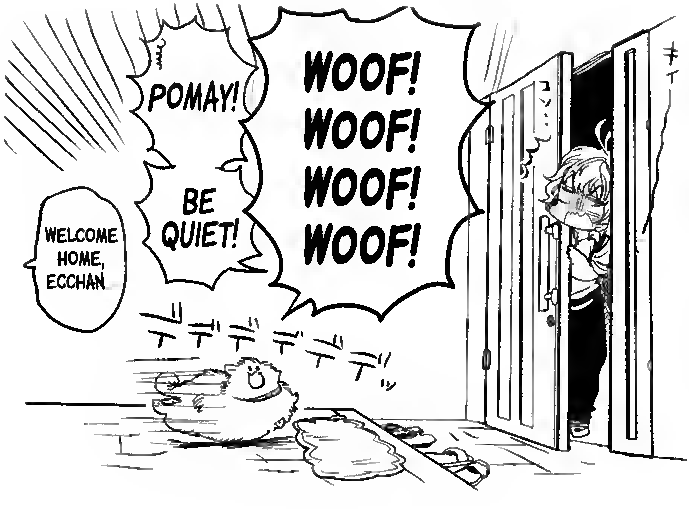
NOTHING COULD EVER BE BORING!!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE THERE, TACCHAN,


LOOK FORWARD TO IT, OKAY?!
COME SEE YOUR BIG BRO! HE PLAYS A HUGE ROLE!
ANY-WAY, FOR NOW JUST COME WATCH US AT THE PREFECTURAL PRELIMS!

SERI-OUSLY,
LIKE,
WHAT THE HELL DO I DO NOW? I CAN'T GO HOME.
HAHA!
YOU SHOULD REALLY DIE AND GO TO HELL ONCE, GION.
TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY FOR THIS, SHITHEAD.
I'M LITERALLY ABOUT TO STRANGLE YOU...
I HOPE YOUR LITTLE BRO COMES TO WATCH US!


WELCOME HOME, ECCHAN
POMAY!
BE QUIET!
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
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I ran out of things to write about,
so let me randomly answer some questions
that randomly came in. Q & A Corner!

Q. I noticed that there are subtle style differences between the Jin High members in their choice of clothing for practice. Are they just dressed according to your preferences, or do you have any set rules?

A. I wouldn't go so far as saying there are rules for how I dress them, but I did decide that black tops are for the guys that want to show-off.

(But Ooharano just wears whatever clothes he has from back when he played before.)